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MAHATHIR TO ATTEND VASAKHI OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will attend the Vasakhi open house to be held at SSU-Kelab Aman in Jalan Damai here on Saturday.

His wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali would also be present, the Sikh Naujawan Sabha Malaysia or the Malaysian Sikh Youth Organisation said in a statement today.

Vasakhi, which falls tomorrow, is celebrated by Sikhs throughout the world and is to commemorate the revelation of Khalsa order in 1699.

Celebrated at the start of the month of Vasakh, it marks the end of the harvest season in Punjab, where on this day thousands gather wearing colourful costumes, playing traditional games and singing and dancing to the tune of bhangra.

During Vasakhi, the Sikhs would hold special prayer sessions at gurdwaras as well as organise charity drives, children's events and organ pledge and blood donation campaigns, said the statement.

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